

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 658

By McDaniel

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Dr. Irvin M. Rainey, Jr., upon being awarded Fellowship in the American College of Dentists.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly pause to recognize those venerable public servants who have dedicated themselves to enhancing the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Irvin M. Rainey, Jr., D.D.S. is one such estimable person who, on October 17, 2006, was awarded Fellowship in the American College of Dentists during its Annual Meeting and Convocation in Las Vegas, Nevada; and

WHEREAS, the American College of Dentists is the oldest national honorary organization for dentists; founded in 1920, its mission is to promote excellence, ethics, professionalism, and leadership in dentistry; and

WHEREAS, Fellowship in the College is by invitation and is based on demonstrated leadership and contributions to the dental profession and society; only approximately three percent of dentists are Fellows of the American College of Dentists; and

WHEREAS, a general dentist in Jackson, Dr. Rainey, currently serves with acumen and alacrity as a member of the American Dental Association, Tennessee Dental Association, and Seventh District Dental Society; he also serves as a Delegate to the Tennessee Dental Association and the American Dental Association, and he is a member of the Tennessee Dental Association Council on Ethics, Bylaws, and Judicial Affairs; and

WHEREAS, as a dentist, he has also served with distinction as President of the Jackson Dental Study Club and the Seventh District Dental Society; participated in the annual *Smile and See* program in Jackson; volunteered his services at the Developmental Disabilities Dental Clinic; and participated in mission work in Honduras; and

WHEREAS, despite all his efforts on behalf of dentistry and dental health, Dr. Rainey still finds time to be an active member of his community; he serves on the local Boy Scout Executive Board and Eagle Scout Board; and

WHEREAS, he is also a member and past president of the Jackson Downtown Lions Club, and he has served on the Juvenile Court Advisory Board and the Jackson Christmas Parade Committee; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Dr. Rainey has been honored with Fellowship and Foreign Country Service awards from the Tennessee Dental Association Council on Ethics, Bylaws, and Judicial Affairs; he is also a recipient of the Boy Scouts' Silver Beaver Award; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Rainey's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with and relate to people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Rainey is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate Dr. Irvin M. Rainey, Jr., D.D.S., upon being awarded Fellowship in the American College of Dentists, commend him for his laudable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee, honor his myriad professional and personal accomplishments, and salute his unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.